

STORIES ABOUT EMINENT PARROTS

Although stories are common concerning the sagacity of some of the lower animals, on is hardly prepared for the tale that comes from the Stockholm *Postbulet* of a trial in the court of the town of Malmo, Sweden, over a large gray parrot was the leading witness for the plaintiff, and carried the Judge, jury, and listeners by its volubility. This bird was brought to Norway by a whaler, and finally fell into the hands of a lady of Malmo, who happened to be interested in her methods of education. No doubt she was a very good mother, for she cracked "and such legitimate parrot food" into the bird's head, she used it as an object to which to vent her feelings; and so the bird became possessed of information that told plainly that her mistress was very much of a gossip. The trouble began one day as usual, came to coil upon the owner of the bird. The wife was so angry that she began to scold the name, yelled out, "Fra [Mrs. W.] the old fool: she was a wig!" and repeated it several times. Fra W. became indignant and accused her hostess of teaching the bird the insulting words, and finally left the house in a great rage. It soon became noised about, and the poor bird was soon told that it was to be sold. He asked the owner of the bird for libel. A witness served upon the bird and its owner, and no sooner did it hear the name of Fra W. in court

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